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Dear Friend:

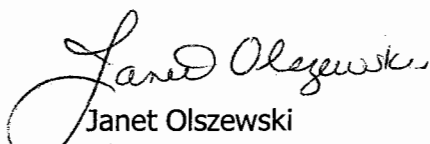
We are pleased to announce release of the document "Addressing Michigan's Public Service Gaps for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury", a report produced by the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) using grants from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. The report is a culmination of a five-year multi-agency partnership that involved the Michigan Department of Education, to conduct a State needs assessment and to develop service infrastructure recommendations. We are providing you with both the Executive Summary and full version of the Report.


In the first four years of the grants, planning occurred, educational materials were developed, and three pilot projects were conducted in various parts of Michigan to test preliminary work and models for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) services. Later in the project, we saw greater involvement of members of local school districts and the Michigan Department of Education. We think you will find the results of the data analysis interesting, especially those concerning the costs to the public system for persons with traumatic brain injury.

Over the next year we will continue to expand our outreach efforts across the state, particularly to staff in public schools, by providing education and information about TBI and using materials produced as part of the grants. Let us know if we can provide you with further information about this crucial topic or if you have expertise that would be of use to educating Michigan citizens about TBI.

We have disseminated copies of the Executive Summary to Michigan's Intermediate School District Superintendents, Intermediate School Districts, and local Administrators of Special Education and Early Intervention Services and the Directors of Michigan's 200 Public School Academies. We also are making the report easy to access by announcing its release on various listservs, web pages, and other media. The full 157-page report, the Executive Summary, and the Michigan Resource Guide (the primary TBI educational tool developed by the grants), are all available on the DCH website in Spanish and Arabic at www.Michigan.gov/mdch with a link to the report at the Department of Education website as well.

Sincerely,


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